# Statement of Interest in Appointment to the Durham Public Schools Board of Education Consolidated District B Vacancy

In order to serve on the Board, a candidate must reside in school board consolidated district B, not be a convicted felon unless restored to the rights of citizenship, be a registered voter, be at least 21 years of age, and not be an employee of Durham Public Schools.

Additionally, all candidates should be prepared to fulfill responsibilities including participating in work sessions, monthly meetings, hearings, called meetings, school visits and regular communications with constituents.

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I hereby declare my interest in filling the vacant Consolidated District B seat on the Durham Public Schools Board of Education through June 30, 2022. I have read the DPS Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for School Board Members (1106) and agree that if I am appointed to the vacant seat I will comply with the code and with all other policies governing the conduct of board members.

I certify that I reside within the boundaries of Consolidated District B and that I am eligible to vote in elections for the Consolidated District B seat on the Durham Public Schools Board of Education.

Tillium Rogers
7/27/2020
SIGNATURE DATE

The completed form must be delivered to Nicole Smith, School Board Executive Assistant, by 5 p.m. on August 12, 2020. The form may be delivered to Ms. Smith by electronic mail at Nicole.Smith@dpsnc.net or by letter carrier at Durham Public Schools, 511 Cleveland Street, Durham, NC, 27702.

## Millicent Rogers

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#### Objective

To serve Durham teachers, students and families as a School Board Member for Consolidated District B. Bridging the gap between the Durham community, families and educators, to preserve the history and innovation of Durham Public Schools.

### **Experience**

## **Textbook Store Supervisor**

Duke University, Durham, NC

February 2008 – Present

Work diligently to make sure academic products are in place based on the requested needs of faculty members and the purchase expectations of students. To provide effective communication with professors on creative ways to provide learning tools for students throughout the academic year on tight timelines.

## Leadership

#### **Education Action Team Lead**

The Durham People's Alliance, Durham, NC October 2019 – Present

#### **Board Chair**

Rebound, Alternatives for Youth, Durham, NC June 2020 – Present

#### **Board Member**

Rebound, Alternatives for Youth, Durham, NC August 2019 – May 2020

 Worked with a subcommittee to hire new Executive Director

#### Vice President

Club Boulevard Magnet Elementary School PTA, Durham, NC

August 2019 – June 2020

 Worked to bring standards into compliance based on State and National PTA Standards

#### **President**

Hope Valley Elementary PTA, Durham, NC June 2019 – June 2020

- Served as the spokesperson for Hope Valley PTA, raised awareness and funding to safety issues on the school playground
- Secured grants for funding programming and made the school carnival free for all
- Applied and won National PTA School Excellence under my leadership

#### **Vice President of Communications**

Hope Valley Elementary PTA, Durham, NC

August 2018 – June 2019

- Developed relationships with parents and teachers of Hope Valley Elementary School
- Distributed weekly newsletters,
- Maintained the bulletin board and handled all e-mail communications.

#### **Education**

Appalachian State University, BA in English, Boone, NC Durham School of the Arts, Durham, NC

## Donald K. Dunn 8580 Brook Meadow Ct Lewisville, NC 27023 (336) 345-6494 dkdunn1@aol.com

July 31, 2020	
RE: Millicent Rogers Recommendation	
To Whom It May Concern:	

I am excited to recommend Millicent Rogers for the opening on the Durham County School Board. I have witnessed her grown and development over the past several years. Her passion and understand for public education and parent engagement are apparent. She has shown leadership ability to management both large and small projections.

She has abroad understanding of non-profit organizations and their operations. She is an incredibly involved in Durham County communities and issues. Her contribution of time and talent has been noted and positively impacted the organizations overcomes.

Millicent will be a real asset to the Durham Public School board. Her level of commitment and result orientation driven will aid the board in enhancing the education experience for all students. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Donald K. Dunn

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Secretary/Treasurer
National Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

July 31st, 2020

Dear members of the appointment committee for the Durham Public Schools Board of Education,

I write to enthusiastically recommend Millicent Rogers in her application for appointment to the vacant position on the Durham School Board. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Millicent for several years, and believe that she is an excellent candidate for this position.

As a colleague, I have observed first-hand Millicent's skill in negotiating the competing demands, priorities and expectations of a diverse group of stakeholders. In her work at the Duke University Textbook Store, Millicent deftly maintains transparent lines of communication with faculty and students in an environment that is dynamic and frequently-evolving, all while working within constraints imposed by both the budget and a complex array of external variables. The skillset that allows her to meet these challenges with patience and professionalism will serve her well on the School Board as they work to establish a sustainable and equitable balance that fosters open communication and that respects the diverse needs of students, families, and teachers in DPS.

As a fellow Durham Public Schools parent, I have been inspired by Millicent's unwavering commitment to DPS's core beliefs of equity, shared responsibility, high expectations, and a child-centered approach. Millicent has been a passionate advocate for both students and teachers in her role as parent and PTA board member in both neighborhood and magnet schools, and has a keen understanding of the intersection between teacher support and student success. Millicent recognizes that DPS teachers are at the heart of our district, and that the training, mentoring, support, and recognition that all teachers should receive plays a critical role in creating a supportive and equitable learning environment in their schools, in their advocacy on behalf of their students and families, and in the social-emotional health and academic success of their students.

I am confident that Millicent will use her skills, her passion, and her voice as a School Board member to continue to advocate on behalf of DPS teachers and families to ensure that our schools are excellent places to work and to learn, and that our teachers are empowered, both within their schools and in the district and community more generally, to foster strong relationships between families and schools. I am delighted to whole-heartedly recommend Millicent for this appointment to the School Board.

Sincerely,

Sandra Valnes Quammen

DPS Parent / Past PTA President, Parkwood Elementary School Senior Lecturer and Interim Director of the French Language Program, Duke University slvq15@gmail.com / (919) 308-1294